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Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Senior Public Health Inspector

For the Year 1962.



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THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1962

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the following medical statistics on behalf of my predecessor Dr.R.V.Brew who, owing to ill health, was not in a position to prepare his report for the year 1962 before his decease on the 27th March, 1963.

Again, as in 1961, there was remarkable freedom from epidemic diseases, only 14 cases of measles having been reported during the whole year as compared with 297 cases in the year 1961.

The number of children brought forward for immunisation against Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Diphtheria was still not one hundred per cent. These injections are provided free by the County Council and can be obtained from the family Doctor (or from the School Medical Officer at the Infant Welfare Clinic.) One can best re-emphasize the fact that these diseases are killers if they regain control. Our only control over them is continued vigilance in exhorting the young mothers in our midst to bring their babies for immunisation thereby preventing them.

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis, Infectious Diseases or in Pregnancy or Childbirth.

The stillbirth rate was 31.3 yet the stillbirth rate for England and Wales was 18.1, the rate for this area is therefore high. This is reflected again in the perinatal mortality rate of 45.2, i.e. stillbirth of infant deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The County level is 28.13 - England & Wales 30.8.

I am sure that Dr.Brew would have liked me to express his sincere thanks to Mr.Powell and his staff for their continued help and unwavering loyalty in the Public Health Department during the year.

SECTION A

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

R.V.Brew, M.B.,B.S. Medical Officer of Health (as at 31.12.62)	(Part time)
F.C.Powell, Senior Public Health Inspector	(Full time)
W.kerley, Additional Public Health Inspector	(Full time)
A.D.Soloman, Additional Public Health Inspector	(Full time)

COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

HOUSING COMMITTEE

HOUSE LETTING COMMITTEE

SECTION B

Part 1
YEAR 1962NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISTRICT...CLUTTON.....

Disease				Total Cases Notified
Measles	...	...	...	14
Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever)	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	-
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	-
Dysentery Shigella Sonnes	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	-
{ Acute Primary Pneumonia	...	...	...	9
{ Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	7
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-
Erysipelas	...	...	...	6
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis {Respiratory	...	...	...	1
(Non-Respiratory...	...	...	...	-
Diphtheria	...	...	...	-
Membranous Group	...	...	...	-
Enteric and Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	-
Acute Encephalitis	...	...	...	-
Typhus	...	...	...	-
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	-
Small Pox	...	...	...	-
Cholera	...	...	...	-
Malaria	...	...	...	-
Plague	...	...	...	-
Anthrax	...	...	...	-
Other diseases notifiable locally, e.g. Chicken Pox:-				

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS
FOR THE YEAR

Estimated Mid Year Population	...	18,020
Live births	...	278
Rate per 1,000 Population	...	15.43
Illegitimate Live Births(per cent of total live births)		2.88
Total Illegitimate Live Births	...	8
Stillbirths	...	9
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		31.3
Total Live and Stillbirths	...	287
Infant Deaths (death under one year)	...	7
Infant Mortality Rates:		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total Live births		25.19
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate Live births		25.92
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate Live births		Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live births)		17.42
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total Live births)		13.93
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and stillbirths)		45.2
Maternal Mortality (Number of deaths)		Nil.
Rate per 1,000 total Live and stillbirths		Nil.

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES 1962

Cause	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	2	3	5
" " of Lungs	6	-	6
" " of Breast	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	15	5	20
Neoplasm of Uterus	-	2	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	18	18	36
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Coronary disease and Angina	22	15	37
Hypertension with heart disease	2	5	7
Other Heart Diseases	17	18	35
Other Circulatory Diseases	11	4	15
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	4	3	7
Bronchitis	7	1	8
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	1	3
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	2	1	3
Other Defined or ill-defined Diseases	10	11	21
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	2
All other Accidents	1	2	3
Suicide	1	-	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	-	1
Other Infective Diseases	1	-	1
Diabetis	1	-	1
Total:	126	92	218

I have the honour to remain
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD JONES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1962

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my sixth Annual Report and Summary of the Sanitary Conditions of the area.

The work carried out in the Health Department during the year ending 31st December, 1962, is detailed under the various subject headings which follow:-

WATER SUPPLY

Now that the Council are no longer the Statutory Water Undertakers a substantial amount of the under-mentioned data has been obtained from and with the ready co-operation of the Bristol Waterworks Company.

- (a) The Water Supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory (i) in quality and (ii) in quantity, apart from local difficulties.
- (b) Samples taken from mains piped supply were as follows:-

SOURCE	RAW WATER				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY			
	Bacteriological		Chemical		Bacteriological		Chemical	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
MAIN SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	10	-	3	-

- (c) No waters were found to have plumbic solvent action and consequently no special precautions were necessary.
- (d) No contamination of main supplies was reported.

- (e) The number of dwellinghouses and the number of population supplied from Public Water Mains: direct to houses and by means of stand pipes, is as follows in respect of each parish in the rural district.

The statistical information regarding the supply of mains water throughout the district is approximately as follows:-

Population of Statutory Area	18,020
Population supplied into houses	17,375
Population supplied by stand-pipes...	355
Total population supplied...	17,730
Population without piped supplies ...	290

PARISH	Pop. 1962	Population supplied into houses by standpipes		Total
Cameley	632	626	5	631
Chelwood	131	131	-	131
Chew Magna	1009	990	-	990
Chew Stoke	731	725	-	725
Chilcompton	1470	1405	40	1445
Clutton	1163	1135	25	1160
Compton Martin	464	388	-	388
East Harptree	557	542	-	542
Farmborough	776	770	5	775
Farrington Gurney	692	676	15	691
High Littleton	1371	1331	30	1361
Hinton Blewett	161	150	-	150
Litton	195	180	-	180
Nempnett	187	177	-	177
Norton Malreward	215	215	-	215
Paulton	3177	3145	30	3175
Publow	876	865	-	865
Stanton Drew	561	520	12	532
Ston Easton	476	459	10	469
Stowey Sutton	757	744	10	754
Timsbury	1697	1516	173	1689
Ubley	294	270	-	270
West Harptree	428	415	-	415
Totals:	18,020	17,375	355	17,730

- (f) Water supplies from wells and private sources.
Eight samples were taken as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
WELL SUPPLIES & PRIVATE SOURCES	4	4

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There was no slackening during the year in the expansion of the Sewerage and Sewage disposal service and it is pleasing to be able to report that the comprehensive Chew Magna and Bishop Sutton scheme, which also receives sewage from the Winford and Felton areas, was completed well ahead of schedule and came into operation in mid-October.

Many connections had been made to the sewers before the end of the year and the opportunity is now at hand to abate the serious nuisances which have occurred in these villages and to give a boost to new building development.

The construction of the Timsbury-Lippiatt Lane scheme, with its ejector station pumping sewage to the head of the Farmborough sewers, was well in hand and completion was anticipated early in 1963, whilst there was every prospect of the Chilcompton Stage 1 scheme commencing early in 1963.

The High Littleton-Hallatrow and Timsbury major scheme had been forwarded to the Ministry and an inquiry awaited, but a number of complicated Planning Approvals and agreements on Pumping Station sites proved difficult to obtain and some delay seemed inevitable. The 1960 priority list for Sewerage schemes is appended below as is the progress to the end of 1963.

At the end of the year nine villages had public sewerage systems whilst 23 Council House Estate plants were in operation. The completion of the Chew Magna scheme necessitated the employment of a further Sewage Works Attendant and required a reorganisation in the schedule for Plant Maintenance, as it is essential that the major Pumping Stations be serviced daily and also that two men be at a station when this is taking place. The mobile gang undertake the majority of maintenance of the smaller plants and the acquisition of a Land Rover in place of an old Ford van was shortly to prove invaluable.

The Sewage Works mentioned above have again been regularly maintained by your six full time and one part time employees, but again whilst the majority of the larger works give satisfactory results, many of the Estate Works simply failed to produce results up to the Royal Commission Standard.

Much remains to be done and for your information the priority list for Sewerage Schemes as agreed in 1960 is as follows:-

- | | | | |
|-----|---|-----|--|
| 1. | Chew Magna-Bishop Sutton Scheme | ... | Completed. |
| 2. | Timsbury, Lippiatt Lane Scheme | ... | In progress |
| 3. | Chilcompton, Stage 1. | ... | Approved -
Tenders invited |
| 4. | Timsbury Trunk Sewer, High Littleton and
Hallatrow | ... | Inquiry awaited
Scheme with Ministry. |
| 5. | Chew Stoke | ... | in preparation |
| 6. | Farrington Gurney | | |
| 7. | Pensford. | | |
| 8. | Ston Easton. | | |
| 9. | Cameley (Temple Cloud village) | | |
| 10. | West Harptree. | | |
| 11. | East Harptree. | | |
| 12. | Clutton (Second Stage). | | |
| 13. | Chilcompton (Second Stage) | | |
| 14. | Norton Malreward and Lower Stanton, Litton and
Chelwood. | | |

Nuisances of varying degree exist in all of the above mentioned parishes which allow of no remedy other than a public sewerage system.

BUILDING BYELAWS AND TOWN PLANNING STATISTICS ---

The number of plans received for consideration by the Council has again increased and from a practical aspect Building Byelaw inspections continue to take up an ever increasing part of your Inspectors' time.

Comparable figures with 1961 are as follows:-

New Dwellings	1961	<u>-Completed</u>	1962	1961	<u>-Under Construction</u>	1962
R.D.C.	122		Nil	-		26
Private Enterprise	53		99	96		124

For the record 582 plans were dealt with by the department during the year arising from which some 1,333 inspections and visits were made compared with 509 plans and 1,179 visits during 1961.

Attention is again drawn to the rapid increase in the number of private enterprise houses completed or under construction at the end of the year, a total of 223. When I presented my first Annual Report six years ago the comparable figure was 38.

It is reasonable to suppose that with the completion of the Chew Magna-Bishop Sutton Sewerage scheme a further boost will be given to private enterprise building in these parishes.

TABLE OF PLANS RECEIVED AND DEALT WITH UNDER THE BYELAWS
AND TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND ORDERS.

	1961		1962	
	Plans	Buildings	Plans	Buildings
1. Council Houses(including Outline)	3	19	15	70
2. Private Houses applications	188	176	207	464
3. Alterations and additions to houses.	116	112	146	155
4. Conversions to houses	7	6	11	15
5. Farm Buildings	25	22	24	24
6. Factories, including alterations and additions	9	10	14	14
7. Temporary Buildings and Moveable Dwellings	14	14	16	18
8. Licensed Premises,including alterations and additions	-	-	6	6
9. Shops, including additions and alterations	2	2	13	16
10. Petrol Stations and Garages	11	9	9	9
11. Local Authority(Bus Shelters Sewers,Water schemes,Schools etc.)	1	1	8	20
12. Statutory Undertakings (Electricity Boards etc.)	37	12	17	17
13. Private Garages	83	100	86	109
14. Advertisements	6	6	9	9
15. Public Halls & Buildings alterations and additions	7	7	6	6
Total:	509	496	587	952

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

1899 - 1923 (as amended)

Applications for loans to purchase or erect dwelling houses showed a slight increase and during the year 36 surveys and valuations were carried out by your Officers.

34 Advances were made, 7 refused and 3 not taken up or withdrawn.

The total sum advanced was £27,917 - - a decrease of over £1,700 over 1961.

In addition 15 surveys were made and a total sum of £3,716 advanced in respect of 8 applications for loans for the repair of dwellinghouses under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958.

H O U S I N G

HOUSING ACTS 1957 - 1961

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS ACT) 1958

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT 1959

(a) IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A slight increase in the number of applications for Standard Grants was noted during the year with a corresponding falling off in Discretionary Grant Applications. The figures are as follows:-

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
<u>STANDARD GRANTS</u>		
Applications	34	37
Dwellings involved: Owner/Occupied	20	19
Tenanted	14	18
Application approved	34	37
withdrawn or refused ...	Nil	Nil
<u>DISCRETIONARY GRANTS</u>		
Applications	41	30
Dwellings involved: Owner/Occupied...	29	9
Tenanted ...	16	21
Applications approved	40	26
withdrawn or refused...	1	4

continued/over

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - continued

Whilst it is pleasing to be able to report that 7.7% of the privately owned houses within the district have been improved with the aid of an Improvement Grant and that this is believed to be well above the national average, nevertheless, progress will have to be speeded up if every dwelling house is to be provided with hot water, a bath and w.c. within the next decade.

A satisfactory factor is that some 58% of the applications during the year were for tenanted houses which is much above the average figure, having increased from 38% to 58%.

The financial details of Standard Grants paid and Discretionary Grants approved during 1962 are as follows:-

	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Discretionary</u>
	(12 dwellings)	(28 dwellings)
(1) Total of approved Grants	£1,527:12: 4d.	£9,803: --: d.
(2) Average Grant per dwelling	127: 6: -d.	350: --: d.
(3) Total expenditure to be incurred by owners	3,448: --: -d.	19,438: --: d.
(4) Average expenditure to be incurred by owners per dwelling	287: --: -d.	694: --: d.

(b) HOUSING - General

Progress in rehousing families in slum clearance houses slackened considerably during the year following the completion of the considerable programmes at Farmborough and Paulton in 1961.

However, some 86 houses were demolished during the year and 13 closed, the majority of the families from these houses having been rehoused by the Council.

Difficulties are being experienced in securing the demolition of houses falling within Clearance Areas and, more often than not, the Council have to carry out the work. One wonders whether it would not be more expeditious to purchase many more of such properties with a view to Clearance followed by redevelopment or resale.

The following statistical information on the Housing situation as at 31st December 1962 will give an indication that while much remains to be done, nevertheless, the fifteen year programme as drawn up in 1955 should be completed well ahead of schedule.

HOUSING - General, continued

1.	Total number of permanent dwellings in the district	...	5,983
2.	Total number of permanent dwellings owned by the Council (Excluding 40 prefabs)	...	1,402
3.	Estimated number of houses as at August 1955 unfit for human habitation	...	583
4.	Approximate number of (3) above dealt with to 31st December, 1962	...	406
5.	Approximate number to be dealt with	... (180 families)	177
6.	Approximate number of (5) above in confirmed Clearance orders and still occupied at 31st December, 1962	...	118
7.	Number demolished to 31st December, 1962	...	166
8.	Number of houses made fit during the year	...	39
9.	Number of applications for Council Houses at 31st December, 1962 (subject to revision)	...	357

RODENT CONTROL AND VERMIN INFESTATION

There is again nothing outstanding to report in the year's activities regarding Rodent Control, although the steady influx of complaints leave the operator little time for a parish to parish survey,

Infestations generally were, however, of a minor character, and satisfactory results have been achieved in routine treatment.

The sewage works and refuse tips have again been regularly surveyed and treated and public sewers in six parishes were test baited and treated where this was found necessary.

	(1) L.A.	(2) Dwelling Houses.	(3) Business Premises.	(4) Farms	TOTAL
No. of properties inspected as a result of Notifications	18	117	17	13	165
No. of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Major	1	1	6	4	12
Common Rat					
Minor	17	82	7	7	113
Major	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse					
Minor	-	18	1	-	19
No. of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act...	57	439	33	17	546
No. of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Major	1	-	2	-	3
Common Rat					
Minor	14	43	11	2	70
Major	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse					
Minor	-	4	2	-	6
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	257	954	166	61	1,438
Number of infested properties treated by the L.A.	25	116	20	9	170
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	80	185	40	15	320
Number of "Block" Control Schemes carried out	-	10	-	-	10
		for 39 premises			

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly refuse collection scheme carried out by contract with the British Road Services has proceeded satisfactorily during the year with very few complaints, these generally resulting from vehicle breakdowns which were unavoidable.

Further litter baskets were erected mainly in lay-bys frequented by motorists and every endeavour was made to keep these baskets available for use during peak holiday periods by a more frequent collection at strategic points carried out by the Council's mobile sewage works gang. However, it would appear that no matter where litter baskets are provided certain elements of the general public will always find somewhere else to dump not inconsiderable quantities of refuse where it becomes an eye sore until cleared up by the Highway Surveyor's or this department. It is to be regretted that these people are so seldom caught in the act.

The refuse tip at Goosard's Bridge within the confines of the Council's Sewage works site closed down during the year but fortunately a new tip was obtained very near to hand and tipping commenced in filling up a marshy area adjoining the River Cam. This tip should last some two or three years following which it is hoped again to make further use of the original tip which by this time will have become well consolidated.

Every endeavour has been made to prevent fire on the tips and on several occasions it has been necessary to take emergency action to isolate fires but this has been successfully accomplished in each case with the use of the crawler tractor.

Fly breeding on the tip is kept to a minimum, but I regret that it is not possible to ensure that all domestic refuse is entirely free from such infestation.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

Statutory Notices:	Served	...	...	1
	Abated	...	...	1
Informal Notices:	Served	...	....	88
	Abated	...	...	74

The outstanding notices are followed up as time allows.

Total number of inspections in connection with
the above during the year 351

Details of inspections are as follows:-

Houses, complaints and repair	...	...	101
Animals, or fowls kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	...	...	7
Accumulation of filth or refuse	...	...	9
Ponds, ditches or watercourses	...	...	34
Defective dustbins or closet plans.	...	-	
Rodent Control (other than by operator)	...	20	
House drainage complaints	...	...	180

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

ENQUIRIES AND DISINFECTIONS

42 visits were made during the investigation of infectious diseases and disinfections were carried out where necessary.

One case of food poisoning was notified during the year but the cause was not ascertained.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act.

Following the adoption of comprehensive licensing conditions in December 1960 seven licences and four renewals of licences were granted during the year for single caravans. No appreciable influx of caravans into the district was noted and no applications were received for a permanent residential or holiday caravan site.

Your Inspectors made 49 inspections under the above Act during the year. Generally speaking the occupiers of single sites have caused little or no nuisance.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

Our records indicate that premises within the district are made up according to the following table:-

(1)	Bakehouses	...	...	...	7
(2)	Butchers Shops	...	...	...	19
(3)	Fish and Chip Shops	...	...	...	7
(4)	Milk (a) No.of Registered Distributors	...			12
	(b) No. of Registered Dairy Premises other than Dairy Farms	...			3
	(c) No. of Licensed Dealers in Designated Milk	...	...		17
(5)	Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955	...			84
(6)	Shops selling food	...	...	...	93
(7)	Cafes and Guest Houses.	...	...	...	14
(8)	Licensed Premises	...	...	...	53
(9)	Shops selling Ice Cream	...	...	...	83

Some 52 visits were made by your Inspectors to these Food Premises and Informal Notices were served as occasion demanded and although this shows an increase on the previous year the Inspectors' other commitments gave little or no time for regular inspection, other than Meat inspection. Consequently, it is difficult to form an accurate opinion as to whether food hygiene standards are satisfactory or otherwise.

No ice cream is being manufactured in the district, the number of premises licensed to sell this commodity remained as in the previous year.

It was not found necessary to take any milk samples during the course of the investigation of infectious disease.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION

At the end of the year the number of Licensed Slaughterhouses was as follows:-

Bishop Sutton	One (Wholesale)
Chew Magna	One (for own use only)
High Littleton	One " " "
Norton Malreward	One (Wholesale)
Temple Cloud	One (for own use only)
West Harptree	One " " "

The small private slaughterhouses continue to operate satisfactorily having, in fact, been put into good order by the appointed day for the operation of the Slaughterhouse Hygiene Regulations, i.e. October 1st, 1961, but the two Wholesale Slaughterhouses continue to present their particular problems, but with the completion of the Bishop Sutton-Chew Magna Sewerage scheme it is anticipated that the premises at Cappards Farm, Bishop Sutton will be connected to the public sewer in due course.

Construction work at the other slaughterhouse at Norton Malreward to comply with the Regulations proceeded at a leisurely pace despite increasing pressure brought to bear on the occupier. However, by the end of the year a completion date had been promised.

The number of animals slaughtered during the year showed a substantial increase and it is pleasing to be able to report that 99.9% of these were, in fact, inspected before despatch. To achieve this figure in six scattered slaughterhouses involves considerable travelling for the Inspectors at varying times of slaughter and a substantial part of their time is taken in unproductive mileage. A non-concentration of slaughtering must mean an enormous bill throughout the country, with little or no advantage to compensate.

Once again it is pleasing to report that although the number of animals slaughtered went up by 4,141 the amount of meat condemned again went down to a total figure of 6-tons 11-cwts. This is about 1/5th of the total condemnations some six years ago when the kill was slightly less than in 1962.

During the year 1,287 visits were made to Slaughterhouses within the district for meat inspection purposes.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART DURING THE YEAR.

	Beasts.	Heifers.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	433	2353	2553	626	17531	8660
Number inspected	433	2353	2553	626	17531	8652
<u>All diseases except</u>						
<u>Tuberculosis and</u>						
<u>Cysticerci:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	3	28	7	38	13
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	42	243	770	2	1149	493
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	10.1%	10.4%	31.2%	1.4%	6.7%	5.8%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	3	-	-	94
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	.04%	.01%	-	-	1.12%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	7	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	7	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat condemned	7-cwt 53-lbs	5-cwt 5-lbs	4-tons 7-cwt 3-lbs	2-cwt 25-lbs	13-cwt 74-lbs	16-cwt 55-lbs

CANNED FOODS

The following canned foods were condemned during the year:-

Meat: 63-lbs 13-oz.	Fruit & Vegetables: 102-lbs 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz.
Fish: 1-lb. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz	Milk, Cream & Rice
	Pudding
	Jam
	11-lbs 6-oz.
	19-lbs 12-oz.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT 1950

Five visits to inspect four licensed swill boiling plants were made during the year. No new plants were licensed.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND
WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT 1956

No inspections were made under this Act as the staff is just not available to carry out the Council's functions under the Act.

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

Messrs.Purnells of Paulton installed a new incinerator during the year to overcome the nuisance caused by the burning of large quantities of unusable paper in an obsolete plant. An immediate improvement was noticed.

FACTORIES ACT 1937

Number of factories in the District ...	...	71
Number of inspections carried out under the provision of the above Act during the year ...	...	20

The statistical information is as follows:-

	<u>Number on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	3	2
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	18

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M.Inspector</u>
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Defects found:-

Want of cleanliness	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences			
(b)unsuitable or defective	1	1	1

Outworkers:-

Number of outworkers in August List,Section 110(1)			
(c)Wearing Apparel(Making)	...	...	7

It was again not possible to carry out routine Factories Act inspections.

PETROLEUM ACTS AND ORDERS

On the 31st December, 1962 the amount of petrol stored under licence within the district had increased to 150,975 gallons in 71 installations, as follows:-

32 Retail Filling Stations

39 Private installations

The amount of carbide stored under licence remained at 10,000 lbs. Your Inspectors attended two further meetings at Fire Brigade Headquarters, Taunton, held to discuss problems arising under the above Acts within the County of Somerset.

During the year 52 visits were made and inspections carried out at Petroleum installations. Improvements at premises continue to be obtained to comply with Licensing conditions.

In conclusion I offer my thanks to all members of the office and outside staff for their conscientious work throughout the year.

My thanks are also due to Mr.Burdge and his Staff for their co-operation.

The Public Health Department deeply regretted the passing of Dr.Brew prior to the preparation of this report. His advice and help had ever been available and although blunt and to the point was always leavened with a deep knowledge of human nature. We shall miss him for a very long time.

Mrs.K.Hobbs, the department's Secretary Typist, left at the end of the year and I would like to pay tribute to her efficiency and hard work during the five years she was with us. Mrs.Hancock joined the staff in 1962 and has successfully taken over Mrs.Hobb's duties.

I have the honour to be

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. C. Powell

